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1. The Albanian Government has ordered all men born between 1908 and 1932 to appear at the recruiting offices. There are no exceptions.
2. The following Albanian army units are based as given below:
 - a. 72LR (sic) - In Tirana
 - b. 309SH (Sic) - In Gjinokaster
 - c. 832SH (Sic) - In Korce
3. Between Korce and Erseke and in the place called Kiar (sic) are based two battalions which have three cannons (75's of Russian origin) and nine heavy mortars.
4. An infantry company is stationed in Barmash.
5. In the village of Tsaritsovo an infantry company is stationed which has three mortars.
6. In the city of Leskovik are based two infantry companies which have four 75's and six mortars.
7. Leskovik is also the base for a battalion of border troops, to which are subordinate the guard-posts, each with the strength of a platoon, at the following places: Nikolice, Valamare, Mesarea, Maria, Banja, Irza, Lefterohor, Kugesh, Merdjani, Radat, Salagoura, Gkionsi, Boutka, and Germenj (where there is a station of the People's Security). Each of the above platoons has two machine guns, two light mortars, and a heavy mortar; most of these are of Soviet manufacture.
8. In Leskovik there is a military hospital.
9. In the city of Delvine is based the 11 Brigade, which is subordinate to the division of Gjinokaster. The officers of this brigade for the most part come from the Korce region.
10. About the end of August a military detachment with a strength of about 100 men under Ali Gkioleka was established in the village of Theollogo. Ali Gkioleka has the rank of captain; during the reign of King Zog he was

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a simple gendarme. The task of this detachment is to pursue and arrest persons coming from Greece into Albania in the Vurg and Riza regions near Delvine and also to discover persons permanently residing in those regions and having contact with the Northern Epirote Organizations in Greece.

11. In the village of Tsiflikli near Konispol is based a battalion to which the following guard-posts are subordinate: Gianiari, Madyl, Pojan, Tsinkeli, Kaledji, Ftelia, Stylos, Kiafa e Bots. The last named post is strongly manned with a force of about 100 men.
12. Five pieces of field artillery have been installed at a place called Bougazi, near Konispol. They are manned by a force from the army and People's Security. At this place there is a post for the control of transients.
13. All the border guard-posts from Vouthrotos to Lesinitsi were reinforced with new troops during the middle of August 1948.
14. All along the road from Delvine to Konispol and on the heights controlling it, semi-permanent and permanent fortifications have been constructed.
15. Permanent fortifications have been erected at the following points:
 - a. Bekir Efendi Bridge, located near Delvine.
 - b. Bistrisa Bridge, near the village of Krane.
 - c. Kalesioti Bridge, near the village of Vryoni.
 - d. The three bridges above and the Bougasi Bridge near Konispol have all been mined.
 - e. Lykoursi height, before the entrance into Sarande. It is to the left, exactly opposite Pantokrator on Corfu.
 - f. Monastery of Agios Georgios at the village of Tsouka, located on the left side of Sarande harbor.

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